REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	03 February 2000
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Untitled
Other Known Titles:	Item 18 Packet containing 33 negatives
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Photographic Material
Country of Origin:	Not Applicable
Language:	Not Applicable
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Components of film originally exam	nined: Not Applicable.
Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:
Excision/Alteration: Not A	Applicable.
Reason(s) for Excision:	
Not Applicable.	

Classification Decision:
Unrestricted.
Display Conditions:
Not Applicable.
Descriptive Note:
Not Applicable.
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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The untitled photographic material, also known as *Item 18 Packet containing 33 negatives*, is classified as: Unrestricted.

The publication consists of 33 black and white photographic negatives. The majority of the images depict a young woman in her mid-teenage years, photographed on a bed or wrapped in a towelling robe. Two images of a nude female figure are included but the age and identity of their subject is not clear. The dominant effect of the material is sensual rather than sexual and the negative form in which the images are presented further lessens the possibility of a sexual reading.

While the publication exploits the nudity of young persons, it does not do so to an extent or degree, or in a manner, that would render its availability likely to be injurious to the public good. Consequently, no restriction is placed on the publication. The freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 is not limited by this classification.

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